

**MINUTES OF THE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD
100 W. RANDOLPH ST. 8TH FLOOR,
CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM
HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2011 12:00 PM**

Workers' Compensation Board Members present:

Chairman Weisz, *ex officio* member

Employee Representatives

Richard Aleksy	Corti, Aleksy & Castenada
Aaron Anderson	Painters District Council #30
Michael Carrigan	Illinois AFL-CIO
Philip Gruber (by teleconference)	Int'l Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
Mark Prince (by teleconference)	Prince Law Firm
Sean Stott (by teleconference)	Laborers' International Union

Employer Representatives

Mitchell Abbett (by teleconference)	Holten Meat, Inc.
John Carpenter	Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
Mark Denzler (by teleconference)	Illinois Manufacturers' Association
David Halffield	Sears Holding Management Company
William Lowry	Nyman, Bambrick, Kinzie & Lowry
David Vite	Illinois Retail Merchants' Association

IWCC staff

Ron Rascia, General Counsel
Darrell Widen, Assistant General Counsel

Upon a roll call, the Chairman determined that a quorum was present. The Board approved the minutes from the meeting of July 25, 2011. Thereafter, Board members were reminded that the meeting was called to interview sitting Arbitrators who had applied for reappointment as Arbitrators. The Board was informed that interviews would be conducted in 15 minute intervals. The Board was also informed that all Arbitrators had the option of appearing in person or teleconferencing into the meeting.

A discussion was had regarding the method by which the Arbitrators would be asked questions predetermined by the Board. It was decided that the Arbitrator/applicants would be given two minutes to state why they should be reappointed as Arbitrators after which each member of the Board physically present at the meeting would in turn ask the predetermined questions of the Arbitrator/applicants. It was also determined that Richard Aleksy and William Lowry, as attorneys actively practicing before the Commission, would refrain from asking any questions. It was also agreed that the Board members would not clarify questions if asked but allow the Arbitrator/applicants to interpret the questions as they deemed appropriate, and that Board members would refrain from entering a dialogue with the Arbitrator/applicants based on their response to the questions.

A motion was made by William Lowry and seconded by John Carpenter to close the meeting for the interview process pursuant to Section 2a of the Open Meetings Act based on the exemptions specified under Sections 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(3) of the Act. The motion to close the meeting was passed by a unanimous vote.

After the meeting was closed, General Counsel Ron Rascia left the meeting and Assistant General Counsel Darrell Widen remained in the closed session to take minutes.

There was a motion by Michael Carrigan and seconded by David Halffield to arise from closed session and return to open session. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to adjourn to August 2, at 9:00 a.m. was made by John Carpenter and seconded by Aaron Anderson. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.